Cases pending for

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	More than 2 years	More than 10 years	As on
1.	Allahabad	602292	201460	12/99
2.	Andhra Pradesh	7883	2823	12/99
3.	Bombay	155982	28404	12/99
4.	Calcutta	259054	146476	12/99
5.	Delhi	107427	33774	12/99
6.	Gauhati	19790	162	3/99
7.	Gujarat	87753	18592	12/99
8.	Himachal Pradesh	6367	37	12/99
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	44207	2392	12/99
10.	Karnataka	29214	1081	12/99
11.	Kerala	98512	533	12/00
12.	Madhya Pradesh	56176	5050	12/99
13.	Madaras	129267	9655	12/99
14.	Orissa	60994	3313	12/99
15.	Patna	35880	6657	12/99
16.	Punjab and Haryana	122672	33791	12/99
17.	Rajasthan	62453	6674	12/99
18.	Sikkim	11	2	12/99
	TOTAL	18,85,934	5,00,876	

Discount by AI/IA in Fares on Delhi-Mumbai-Delhi Sector

*127. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that huge discounts were offered by the Indian Airlines/Air India on Delhi-Mumbai-Delhi sector during July-September, 1999;

(b) whether Government propose to give the same discounts to the travellers on this sector this year also; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the schemes/discounts likely to be given to the travellers on this particular sector?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. As a sales promotion requirement, in order to increase loads on Delhi-Mumbai and vice versa sector, both the airlines had introduced special unilateral fares for the period of 1.7.99

to 30.09.99.

(b) At present, there is no proposal, under consideration of the Airlines, to introduce similar fares this year.

(c) Does not arise.

Storage of Rain Water

†*128. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ground water level throughout the country has considerably declined;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such decline is caused by excessive exploitation of ground water and also by rain water which is almost completely going waste;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some new techniques of water harvesting have come up these days by which rain water can be stored; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken by Government to publicise these techniques/methods?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN SETHI): (a) to (d) Long term observations made by the Central Ground Water Board have shown decline of ground water in various parts of the country. The names of the States/districts showing pockets where fall in the ground water level for more than 4 metres (1980—99) has been observed are indicated in the Statement I (*See* below).

The decline in the level of ground water is mainly due to withdrawal in excess of annual recharge, variation in the amount and distribution of rainfall, reduction in the recharge of ground water due to increased urbanization, deforestation and adoption of water intensive cropping by farmers and massive outflow monsoon runoff.

Many rain water harvesting techniques are being implemented by

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